



April 19, 2013

**Washington State Mental Health Counselors; Marriage and Family Therapists; and
Social Workers Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

PHYSICAL LOCATION:

Washington State Department of Health
111 Israel Road SE
Town Center Two, Room 158
Tumwater, WA 98501
Telephone: 360-236-4912

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN
PERSON:**

Carlos Carreon, LICSW, ACSW, BCD, Chair
Jennie Lindberg, LMFT, Vice-Chair
Julie Rowland, Public Member
Jenny Cooke Malstrom, Public Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA
PHONE:**

Fredda Jaffe, LMFT
Carol Stanley, LMHC, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Betty Moe, Program Manager
Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Program Representative

AAG PRESENT:

Debra Defreyn, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Heather Hindman
Pimpajee Chanthakosol
Joe Afanador
Adrian Magnuson-White
Kristen Houston
Carin Taylor
Cheryl Goodwin

OTHERS PRESENT VIA PHONE

Kirk Roberts
Tim Livingston

On April 19, 2013 the Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee (committee) met by teleconference and in person at the Department of Health, 111 Israel Road, Room 158, Tumwater, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was e-mailed to members of the Licensed Counselors Listserv and posted to the professions webpage.

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

9:36 a.m.

1.1 Introductions – Committee members, staff, and audience members introduced themselves. Betty Moe, Program Manager conducted roll call to identify committee members in attendance via telephone. Guests participating via teleconference introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda – The committee approved the agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of the February 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes – The committee reviewed and approved the meeting minutes as presented.

2. ELECTION OF 2013 COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

The committee elected Carlos Carreon, LICSW, ACSW, BCD Chair and Jennie Lindberg, LMFT, Chair.

3. MANAGER REPORTS – Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director & Betty Moe, Program Manager

3.1 Legislative Update – Ms. Moe provided members with an update regarding HB 1213- An act relating to social worker licensing; amending RCW 18.225.010, 18.225.090, 18.225.145, and 43.70.442; and adding new sections to chapter 18.225 RCW – The bill affects social workers and those credentialed as associates, by expanding who may provide supervision for a licensed advanced social worker. The bill also requires the department to provide the legislature an annual report for six years detailing the number of associate licenses that have been renewed four, five or six times. Ms. Moe shared that the committee would need to draft rule language with the passage of the HB 1213.

3.2 Executive Director Update – Ms. Moe reported on the status of the expedited rules process for the retired active credential for licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed mental health therapists, licensed independent clinical social workers, and licensed advanced social workers. Copies of the draft rule language was provided to committee members for their review. A rules hearing is scheduled for April 30, 2013. Written comments regarding the draft language should to be submitted via email to Ms. Moe before the April 30th rules hearing.

3.3 Budget Report – Ms. Moe provided committee members an updated interim operating budget report The report indicates that the budget for the new associate credential continue to be overspent. Ms. Moe explained to the committee that it was not uncommon for new professions to have cost overruns. Members were reminded that each profession is required to be self-supporting. To help eliminate potential fee increases to the new associate professions, the fees paid for the associate credential will be combined with fees paid for the full licensure credential. The 2013 to 2015

biennium budget will reflect this new “combined” fee structure. Program staff will continue to monitor the budgets and provide updated information at the next meeting.

3.4 Current Licensing Statistics – Ms. Moe presented licensing statistics as of March 31, 2013. Statistics presented are as follows:

Program	Current Number of Credential Holders
LMFT	1279
LMHC	5431
LASW	99
LICSW	3532
LMFTA	385
LMHCA	1472
LSWAIC	969
LSWAA	206
Certified Counselors	727
Certified Advisers	5
Agency Affiliated Counselors	6167

3.5 Committee member appointment/recruitment update

Ms. Moe reported that she is currently working on completing the appointment package for the Licensed Mental Health Counselor position and will be forwarding it to the Secretary for consideration. Recruitment is continuing for one public member and one Licensed Advanced Social Worker. Ms. Moe will provide an update on recruitment efforts at the next meeting.

3.6 Update on rule process creating the retired active status

Ms. Moe shared that the rules were in the process of being filled and hope to have them completed in August. There would also be a separate rule package to create a retired active fee.

4. PETITION FOR RULE-MAKING – Betty Moe, Program Manager

Under RCW 34.05.330 any person may petition an agency requesting the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule. Committee members reviewed, discussed, and unanimously denied a petition for rule-making. The petitioner requested the Department of Health consider amendments to WAC 246-809-221 that requires either a counseling practicum, or a counseling internship, or both be included in the core of study. Specifically, the petition requested that an additional section be included to the educational requirements stating that work experience can substitute for a practicum or internship.

5. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT – Debra Defreyne

5.1 Ms. Defreyne reported to the committee members that the legislature had passed House Bill (HB) 1381 relating to administrative adjudicatory proceedings before the department of health. Passage of this bill amends RCW 18.130.050, 18.130.095, 34.05.425, and 34.12.040; and adds a new section to RCW 43.70. The bill adds an additional level of review to disciplinary cases for secretary professions.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine matters and were approved by a single motion of the committee without separate discussion.

- 6.1 Current issue of “The Sentinel News for Department Employees** – A copy of the March 2013 issue of “The Sentinel News for DOH Employees” was provided in the committee member packets for review.
- 6.2 North American pass rates for the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Examination 2012** – A copy of the 2012 ASWB pass reports for North America was provided to committee members in their packets.
- 6.3 Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) – Summarizing Statement for the COAMFTE decision to deny accreditation – Colorado School for Family Therapy** – Copies of the COAMFTE statement were included in the committee member packets.

7. CACREP APPROVED PROGRAMS

Committee members reviewed and discussed a letter received from the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology expressing concerns over the possible changes in accreditation requirements for WA schools; specifically requiring schools to obtain accreditation through Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Ms. Moe explained that this type of change would require entering into the rule writing process. The committee has been under a rules moratorium, and is currently only monitoring and discussing the CACREP movement at this time. Further discussion of CACREP Approved Programs will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting scheduled for August 16, 2013.

8. 25 HOURS IN SUPERVISION OF CLINICAL PRACTICE

Committee members discussed further defining the required 25 hours of supervision of clinical practice per WAC 246-809-134, 234, and 334. Audience member Kirk Roberts volunteered to create a draft recommendation. Committee members agreed to place this item on a future agenda for further discussion and review.

9. ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK BOARD – SPRING EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE – Carlos Carreon, LISW, ACSW, BCD, Chair & Fredda Jaffe, LMFT

This agenda item was deferred and will be added to the next meeting agenda.

10. RULES DISCUSSION – IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN SUICIDE ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT – Betty Moe, Program Manager

Committee members were provided copies of SHB 1376 which, if passed, would clarify and amend RCW 43.70.442. Ms. Moe lead a rule writing discussion related to the implementation of ESHB 2366. Members reviewed and approved the draft rule language.

11. SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY DISCUSSION – Betty Moe, Program Manager

Ms. Moe discussed that the statute allows for applicants to be credentialed in Washington without the examination, if the other states requirements are determined to be substantially equivalent. Ms. Moe shared that the applicant would still be required to show that they met the educational and supervised post-graduate experience. Ms. Moe asked if committee members wanted to complete a state by state review for all four of the fully licensed credentialed under RCW 18.225. The committee members discussed the process and looked at one review. The committee determined that based on the amount of time that it took, and the number of professions the committee makes recommendations on, that it would not be a good use of committee time. However, if there was future need for this type of review, it could be done in sub-committees.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no audience members present to comment at this time.

13. OTHER ITEMS

Committee members had no additional items to discuss at this time.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The committee discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:

- Discuss CACREP approved programs as a requirement for licensure as a mental health counselor
- Clarification of 25 hours of supervision for supervisors
- Recruitment update
- Legislation update
- Rules update
- Retired Active Status
- ASWB Spring Meeting Update

15. ITEMS TO MONITOR/FUTURE COMMITTEE GOALS

- Parenting Evaluation Standards
- CACREP standards and schools in Washington with CACREP accreditation
- CACREP accreditation/portability etc.

16. ADJOURNMENT

12:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Betty J. Moe, Program Manager
Washington State Mental Health Counselors; Marriage and Family Therapists;
and Social Worker Advisory Committee

Approved by:

Carlos Carreon, LICSW, ACSW, BCD, Chair
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